

MAY HAVE A DOUBLE

Police Think Woman Thief Resembles Mrs. Trautman.

TELLS CONFLICTING STORIES

Secretary of Y. M. C. A. Says That Hogan Complied to Him That He Had Lost \$13 or \$14 in the Library—Posters to That Effect. Related to Jefferson Davis.

New York, Dec. 26.—That Mrs. Jeanne Trautman, wife of the surgeon and alienist, Dr. Alexander Trautman, of 383 Lexington avenue, who is charged with robbing Peter J. Hogan, a stenographer, of \$13, on Fifth avenue, has a double among the woman thieves of New York, is the theory Capt. Schlottman, of the Tenderloin station, proceeded upon to-day in his investigation. Capt. Schlottman said that yesterday and last night he himself scanned the women of the street in the Tenderloin looking for a woman who resembled Mrs. Trautman.

Five detectives, Kelly, Beaufort, Gillman, Hunt, and Schibles, were assigned to similar duty last night and to-day, and the men on duty in the precinct have been ordered to arrest such a woman on sight.

"It might be," said the captain, "that Mrs. Trautman has a double and that the close resemblance caused Hogan to mistake the physician's wife for the thief who took money from him. Mrs. Trautman is a woman who, once seen, could hardly be forgotten."

Said He Lost Money.

Light was thrown upon the arrest of Mrs. Trautman by a statement to-day from M. W. Ludden, night secretary of the Twenty-third street branch of the Y. M. C. A.

Ludden said that Hogan appeared before him Sunday night, twenty-four hours after he said he had been robbed by Mrs. Trautman, and asked if any one had found \$13 or \$14 about the library of the building. "I was in the place doing some writing to-night and missed the money," Hogan told the secretary. "Would you be kind enough to send some one to help me look for it?"

Accordingly, Frederick Spring, the night watchman, was asked to assist Hogan. The two searched the room thoroughly, but the money was not found.

"Are you sure this was where you lost it?" asked Ludden.

"Positive," Hogan is said to have replied. "Twenty or fifteen dollars."

Ludden says he did not notice the discrepancy in the statements at the time. He then made the following memorandum, which was posted on the bulletin board, as is customary in such cases: "Peter J. Hogan, 383 East Twenty-third street, lost \$13 or \$14. Finder please report to-night. Secretary Ludden."

Hogan acted strangely.

Ludden said that there was something strange about the man's demeanor, but he thought it was due to a nervous state of mind upon the money loss. Hogan, he says, is a regular member of the Young Men's Christian Association, and that he was transferred to the Twenty-third street branch from the Brooklyn branch November 15. According to the secretary, the man bore a good reputation. His place of employment was with Walker & Chambers, 50 East Twenty-third street, fully realizing the importance of this incident, said Ludden. "I am ready to tell it in court if necessary."

It was at the office of Walker & Chambers, where he steam-heating experts, that Hogan was employed in the capacity of stenographer. His services had been satisfactory. Hogan left the office shortly after noon to-day and stated that he intended transacting some business downtown. Afterward it was his intention to stop with friends over the night. He asked them for leave to-morrow that he might attend Mrs. Trautman's examination in the Jefferson Market Police Court.

At 13 East Twelfth street, a maid said that Hogan boarded there. She said that he "peaked the story" from the house after it became public through the newspapers, but he had mentioned nothing about having lost his money in the Y. M. C. A. According to the servant, Hogan said that he had been robbed in a hallway.

Dr. Trautman Makes Threats.

"I shall smash that man in the mouth and push his teeth down his throat when I see him to-morrow," said Dr. Trautman last night; "that is, if he is sane I'll do that. From all accounts the fellow is crazy. Of course if he is not in his right mind what can one do? In Germany such a matter would be settled by a duel. The worst thing about it all is the unpleasant notoriety we have suffered by it. However, it will come out right in the end."

Mrs. Trautman will prove an absolute alibi. She will tell about visiting the Turkish bath, earlier on the evening in question. Her two attendants at that place will come along to corroborate her story.

Related to Jefferson Davis.

Mrs. Trautman's family name is Jeanne Davis, and Dr. Trautman said she is related to Jefferson Davis. Her relatives are said to live near Atlanta, Ga. She is an amateur musician of considerable ability, and has been prominent in musical affairs. She is very bitter against the police for locking her up on such meager information, and she says she could have satisfied the police that she had been maligned.

Oscar Tschery, manager of the Waldorf-Astoria, said to-day that his family had known Dr. and Mrs. Trautman for many years. "You cannot convince us that the extraordinary charge against Mrs. Trautman is true," he declared.

WHOLE TOWN TO EMIGRATE.

Nine Thousand Spaniards Are Going to Uruguay and Nicaragua.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—Nine thousand of the inhabitants of the town of Belar, which is forty-five miles south of Salamanca, decided some time ago to emigrate in a body.

A meeting was held the other day which approved the offer of the Presidents of Uruguay and Nicaragua to supply ships and funds for the transportation of the emigrants.

Jail Breaker Surrenders.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Edward Ness, who, with eight other prisoners escaped from the Hamilton County jail Sunday last, surrendered himself at the jail late last night. He said he was tired of being hunted like a wild animal, and preferred to serve his sentence of thirteen months in the State penitentiary. Among those who escaped is Clarence Henri, arrested in New York, charged with the theft of the picture, "The Girl Knitting," from the Cincinnati Art Museum. He is still at large.

Fight Duel by Moonlight.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 26.—Frank Polent and John Merceno, the latter a barber, fought a desperate duel by moonlight in a field near South Sharon, last night. When found by the police both were nearly dead from loss of blood.

WOMEN ATTACKED BY NEGROES

One Bound by Her Hair, Another Beaten, Beaten at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26.—While Mrs. William Humber, of Friday street, Millvale, was busy with her housework this morning, a negro, wearing a white mask, entered the house and, before she could offer any resistance, had her bound and gagged, then tied her to a dining room chair by her hair. The negro was searching for valuables, when Mrs. Mary Casey, sister of Mrs. Humber, called at the house. She was unable to get in, and the negro, with a knife and a revolver, stood over his victim and threatened to kill her if she made an outcry. He then escaped.

While Mrs. Charlotte Reckles, seventy-eight years of age, was feeding a pet horse in the stable of her son late yesterday afternoon, she was attacked by Edward Jackson, a powerful negro, who lived only a short distance away. The negro choked and beat the aged woman, who fought desperately and screamed for help. Her son, Julius R. Reckles, came to her aid, and the negro was placed under arrest after a hard battle. He was taken to Washington, Pa., it being feared that an attempt would be made to lynch him.

FIVE YEARS FOR GIRL'S SLAYER

Miss Ilario Sent to Prison and Hard Labor.

Efforts to Obtain New Trial Because Juror Visited Scene of Murder Overruled.

Somerville, N. J., Dec. 26.—Miss Florinda Ilario, the pretty Italian girl, recently convicted in the Somerset Court, of Manassas, for shooting to death Alexander Dipolo, a contractor and hotel man of Raritan, on June 4, 1906, was today sentenced by Justice Abraham G. Garretson to serve five years in the State prison at hard labor.

Miss Ilario has been awaiting sentence in the Somerset County jail for a month, while her counsel, Clark & Case, have been endeavoring to obtain a new trial for her on the grounds that the jury which convicted her visited the scene of the murder and held conversation with a number of persons about the case during the progress of the trial without the knowledge or consent of the court.

The proceedings in the case to-day were unusual and very sensational. The defense placed a number of witnesses on the stand to prove that the jury had visited the scene of the murder and conversed with a number of people about the case. On the other hand, the State placed the twelve jurors who had convicted Miss Ilario and the three constables who had charge of them on the stand to refute the damaging evidence adduced by the defense.

Jurors admitted that they had visited the scene of the murder during their daily walks for exercise, but said that the conversation had been carried on by the constables.

Justice Garretson decided that the jury had not been influenced in its verdict by viewing the scene of the murder, and refused to grant a new trial.

Miss Ilario's counsel then submitted a petition to the court, signed by several hundred citizens of Somerset County, praying for clemency for the prisoner.

PLAYS OWN DEATH "PART."

Doctor Expires as He Had Told Wife and Members of "13" Club.

New York, Dec. 26.—Dr. Edward Thomas Deobis, of Brooklyn, in an address before the "thirteen Club" a fortnight ago, said death was a mere play, in which he was at all times ready to act.

A week ago he told his wife he had but a short time to live, and to-day he lies dead in his home, at 161 Remsen street. He succumbed to pneumonia.

Dr. Deobis was ardent in his admiration for Emma Goldman, a friend and associate of anarchists, a mocker of superstition, and an enthusiastic worker for the "thirteen Club." He was wealthy and spent most of his time writing books.

He is survived by a wife, who was Miss Jane Hawkins, daughter of Judge Hawkins, of the Supreme Court of Michigan. She is a niece of former United States Senator Thomas W. Palmer, one of the wealthiest men in the West.

MUST HELP BONI PAY DEBTS.

Mme. Gould Held Liable for Portion of Claims in Two Cases.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The three remaining suits brought by creditors, with the object of making Mme. Gould (formerly Countess Boni de Castellane) jointly responsible with the Count for certain claims, were decided to-day.

The court found that she was in no way responsible for the claims of M. Zeigler, one of the largest creditors, who claimed that he had been the victim of the Countess's ever since their marriage to appeal to him to extricate them from financial difficulties, but held her jointly liable for jewels valued at \$24,000 purchased from Mme. Gould.

The court also found that Mme. Gould was jointly liable for the sum of about \$57,000, the balance due to the Hartogs for a jewelry bill amounting to about \$137,000, provided the bill was not "padded." Three experts were appointed to appraise the value of the jewelry.

PAID \$12,500 FOR "DE LUXE."

Mrs. King Later Declares Her Sets of Books Are a Fraud.

New York, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Henrietta E. King has begun a suit in the Supreme Court to restrain Robert G. Newblin, a book dealer, from cashing, discounting, or otherwise disposing of checks amounting to \$6,000, and eight promissory notes of \$1,000 each, which she turned over to him in exchange for alleged De Luxe editions of Shakespeare and Thackeray. Justice O'Gorman to-day granted a restraining order.

In her affidavit, Mrs. King sets forth that Newblin's representative induced her to contract for the purchase of the alleged De Luxe editions. The books were to be "extra illustrated" at great cost and magnificently bound. They were fairly worth \$20,000 for the two sets, but she could have them for \$12,500 as a special bargain to an old customer.

Mrs. King alleges that they are not special editions, but cheap prints, interlarded with showy pictures, and that experts have informed her that they are not worth near the money asked for them.

REGIMENTAL PUNCH FOR NEW YEAR'S RECEPTIONS.

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LETTERS GIVE CLEW

Anonymous Notes from Girl Basis for Murder Theory.

DEATH OF LEE BEING PROBED

Police Declare Sons for Chicago Millionaire Fear Loss of Insurance.

Identity of Woman Who Claims to Have Witnessed Accident Not Revealed—Garage Owners in Denial.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—On the strength of anonymous letters declaring that L. J. Lee, the millionaire advertising agent, whose body was found floating in the lake December 12, was run down by an automobile and then thrown into the water and drowned to hide the accident, a desperate effort was made at the inquest to-day to learn the identity of the accused autoists.

The murder theory is that of Lee's two sons, who say they have met the young woman who wrote the letters, but are compelled to hide her identity to save her from notoriety. The police maintain that the Lee brothers are trying to make out a murder case that they may not lose the insurance on their father's life, which is uncollectable if he committed suicide.

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"BOSSSES" ON STAND.

Rulers of Philadelphia Explain Filtration Contracts.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—James P. McNichol, the present Republican boss of the city, and Israel W. Durham, former boss, were both on the witness stand at to-day's session of the trial of the city's equity suit against the firm of D. J. McNichol, of which both are members.

They were asked to explain how they secured the contracts for the building of the \$25,000,000 filtration plant; how they managed to make a profit of \$5,000,000; and if it is alleged they made; and by what right they charged for extra work which should have been done under the terms of the contract without extra pay.

In explanation of the charge for "extra work," McNichol asserted that the firm received very little of this money, as it was divided up among subcontractors who performed the work. He denied that he had ever entered into an arrangement with Edwin H. Vane, who was supposed to be a rival contractor, by which McNichol was to get the contracts and Vane's brother, "Bill," was to be made recorder of deeds.

"Bill" was made recorder, all right, and McNichol got the contracts, but the witness said that the two facts had no relation to the case.

CREDITORS TO LOSE \$175,000

Cashier of Wrecked Bank Will Throw His Assets in Bankruptcy.

Will Invalidate His Action Giving Waynesburg Institution Preferred Claim to All His Property.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 26.—In an effort to protect his personal creditors at the expense of the depositors of the wrecked Farmers and Drovers National Bank, of Waynesburg, Pa., Cashier J. R. F. Rhinehart will, within a few hours, file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, according to information which has reached United States Bank Examiner John B. Cunningham.

This action will be bitterly contested by Examiner Cunningham and others, as it would mean that all the deeds for property, valued at \$300,000, which Rhinehart has turned over to Cunningham for the creditors of the bank, would be invalid, as Rhinehart had made the bank a preferred creditor. The cashier is said to have personal debts amounting to about \$200,000, and should he take the contemplated action, the bank would receive possibly \$250,000 instead of the \$300,000.

For the first time since the bank closed the people of Waynesburg are beginning to show hostility to Rhinehart.

Special Agent Charles Starek, of the Department of Justice, who has been chosen to conduct the investigation of the criminal end of the bank failure, will not arrive here until January 6, according to a letter received by United States District Attorney Dunkle to-day.

Examiner Cunningham hurried back to Waynesburg last night, when he heard of the plan of Rhinehart to go into bankruptcy. He was joined there to-day by his attorney, John P. Trimble, and several conferences were held to devise means of offsetting any move which Rhinehart may make. District Attorney Dunkle declares that he soon as Starek arrives at Waynesburg there will be further arrests in connection with the failure.

WARRANT FOR MISS MILLER.

Missing Heiress Now Wanted in Relation to a Disputed Bond.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 26.—A new development in the case of Ida May Miller, or, as she must now be known, Mrs. Dr. Bolando Kuehn, transpired to-day, when ex-Judge James Gay Gordon, who represents Mrs. Margaret Fairly, made known her interest in the case. Mrs. Fairly, according to her attorney, was left a bond valued at \$1,000 of the Norfolk and Western Railroad by James C. Miller.

The bond was given into the care of the then Miss Miller, and when Mrs. Fairly went to claim it, Miss Miller, it is said, refused to give it up. A warrant was issued at that time, but with larceny was issued at that time, but that probably action would be taken against the physician.

CABMAN'S WOUNDS FATAL.

Mystery of Who Shot Him Remains Unsolved and Puzzles Police.

New York, Dec. 26.—William McCauley, a cabman, of 234 Herkimer street, Brooklyn, who was mysteriously shot on Monday last, died this morning in the Cumberland Street Hospital.

Coroner Brewer said to-day that McCauley made a quite-morose statement last night. McCauley told the coroner that his stand was at Broadway and Forty-fifth street, Manhattan, and that while there early Monday morning he was engaged to take a fare to a downtown hotel. He was joined there to-day by his attorney, John P. Trimble, and several conferences were held to devise means of offsetting any move which Rhinehart may make.

DIAZ ORDERS BREAK FIXED.

Mexico's President Takes Step to Dry Up Salton Sea.

David E. Thompson, the American Ambassador to Mexico, has informed the State Department that President Diaz has decreed that the Compania de Riegos y Terranos de la Baja California, a subsidiary company of the California Development Company, and operating under a Mexican charter, to repair the break in the Colorado River and divert the waters of that stream back into their natural course.

The Colorado is now flowing in an artificial course into the Imperial valley, of California, creating the great Salton Sea, which has been covering 2,000 square miles of land. The company must repair the damage in three months.

KILLS, BUT DOES NOT STOP.

Present Army Revolver Not Quite Up to Requirements in Philippines.

President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, of this war, and Col. Russell, acting chief of ordnance, held a conference yesterday morning over the advisability of changing the army revolver from .38 to .45 caliber.

"There is a good deal of sentiment in favor of the change," said Secretary Taft, "but the conclusion is that it is claimed that the .38 will kill a man. We will not stop his rush. Our soldiers in the Philippines have often found this true in their engagements with the bolo men."

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SHE SUES HER PASTOR

Woman Demands Loan from Rev. A. B. MacLaurin.

FORCED INTO A RECEIVERSHIP

Salary Held Up as Result of Church Quarrel and Later Wife Leaves Him, Adding to His Troubles—Unable to Explain His Financial Affairs Satisfactorily.

New York, Dec. 26.—Owing to his failure to pay a judgment for \$50, obtained against him by a woman who is a member of his church, Rev. Archibald B. MacLaurin must turn all his property over to a receiver.

James A. Allen was named as receiver to-day by Justice Seabury, of the City Court, at the request of Mrs. Mary Cameron, the clergyman's creditor.

Mr. MacLaurin is said to have borrowed the amount of the judgment from Mrs. Cameron a year ago, when the trustees of the Sixteenth street Baptist Church held up his salary, owing to a quarrel.

According to the record of supplementary proceedings, filed with the court to-day, Mr. MacLaurin, who lives at 327 West Twenty-second street, has a wife and two children, but Mrs. MacLaurin left him a year ago, taking with her their daughter, seven years old. In April or May, he says, his other child, a boy of twelve, was stolen from him.

The clergyman declared on the stand that he contributed to the support of his children.

"When does your wife now live?" he was asked.

"I don't know."

"Do you contribute to the support of your wife?"

"No, sir."

"How much do you contribute to the support of your children?"

"I can't tell."

"When did you last contribute to their support?"

"I don't know. I will look it up."

Asked what he did with the money he received from Mrs. Cameron, Mr. MacLaurin said he spent it on his family. "I bought rugs, furniture, and the like," he added. "I do not now own the rug, or furniture, having disposed of them just about one year ago."

"Does your wife support herself and children by working in a chemical factory?"

"I don't know."

Mr. MacLaurin says that his salary is \$2,000 a year, and that he has no bank account or property except 100 books.

ALL GO OVER PRECIPICE.

Youth, Horse, and Wagon Plunge 100 Feet, Near Roanoke.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 26.—Carter Young, colored, and a horse he was driving to a wagon, were killed near Roanoke to-day. Young, in driving around an obstacle in the road, went over a precipice a hundred feet high.

TO EXHUME DE RAYLAN'S BODY

Chicago Authorities Anxious to Reach Facts in Case.

Suspicion Increased by the Arrival of Papers from Phoenix, Ariz.